









## Justice and Mrs. Hughes in Mining Garb for Trip 2800 Feet Underground



JUSTICE HUGHES and his wife during their stay at Butte, Mont., visited the Leonard Copper Mine, one of the largest in the world. Both were outfitted in the regular working regalia and they were shown through the mine. Twenty-eight hundred feet underground Justice Hughes was shown how to operate an air drill.

It will be a preparedness that now insures our peace and enlists in the future in the cause of the peace of the world.

He read the Democratic platform plank of 1912 declaring for the maintenance abroad of American rights.

"That I believe in," he said, "that I propose to practice, not simply to preach."

Hughes repeated his tariff views and a pledge that no one would "put over anything" for private gain at public expense in tariff adjustment if he could help it.

"I do propose, however," he said, "that we shall have a constructive tariff policy which will foster, not cripple, which will build up, not destroy; which will complement the city, which are doing fine and chestnut stunts, and uses it for municipal docks."

President Howard of the League is planning to have incorporated with that organization many of the smaller leagues of the city, which are doing work along special lines. In this manner all civic and business enterprises could be directed under one head, and work as a unit.

NAVAL CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS IN PRACTICE MARCH ASHORE TODAY

Portion of Fleet to Which They Are Assigned to Be on Defensive in War

FORD POND BAY, L. I., Aug. 19.—The 2800 civilian volunteers now enjoying a practice cruise on board eight battleships of the reserve fleet here were sent ashore today for a practice march and to indulge in athletics.

The portion of the fleet to which they have been assigned will act as a defensive force, while that part of the Atlantic fleet now at Newport will represent an enemy attacking the coast, in maneuvers beginning tomorrow morning.

This war game is expected to bring into operation the greatest number of battleships which ever has been assembled off this coast for strategic purposes.

Man, 70, Prostrated by Heat.

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## CHILDREN SING AND DANCE FOR THE BABIES' FUND

Entertainments Given by Girls and Boys to Buy Pure Milk and Free Ice.

CONTRIBUTIONS.	
Previously acknowledged	\$2340 48
Lemonade stand, 4224	1 00
Cook avenue	5 83
Show, 2300 North Market	4 10
Show, 2310 North Market	4 10
Street	4 10
Shaw, 722 D. Street	2 30
Sale of fancy work, 2245	5 00
Schenandoah avenue	5 00
Comfort children, Webster	4 30
E. L. D.	1 00
Thompson, 4317 Marcus avenue	1 00
Lemonade stand, 500 North Market	4 00
Merly avenue	30
Total	\$2464 15

On the lawn of 5008 North Market street, this evening, a number of girls and boys are to give a carnival from which they expect a good return for the Post-Dispatch Pure Milk and Free Ice Fund. This follows a similar event by eight young girls and one boy on the lawn of 5010 North Market, the result of which was \$510. Following their program of songs, dances and readings the children sold ice cream and gave parents and others a pleasant hour.

The little company included Margaret, Zelma and George Wailes of 5012 North Market street; Mary Grace Gleason, 5008 North Market; Marie and Louise Dinklinker, 5008 Garfield avenue; Helen Dale Klunglans, 5010 North Market; Vivian Thompson, 5028 North Market; and Marcella Shant, 5002 North Market.

A lemonade and ice cream stand conducted for one day at 4234 Cook avenue by five little girls yielded \$1 for the babies' relief fund. The children all reside on Cook avenue.

Rose Powers, 4234; Bernice and Leonie Miller, 4234; Genevieve and Dolly O'Hearn, 4232.

Katherine, Nicholas and Ruth Howland of 3877 Kennerly avenue conducted a lemonade stand in front of their home, earning 20 cents.

"Which money you will kindly use for the babies," they wrote the Post-Dispatch.

Ransom, Hartley and Slim Comfort of 218 North Gore avenue, Webster Groves, Mo., continuing their annual sympathy with the cause of the poor babies, added \$4.30 to the fund.

Wishing the Post-Dispatch Pure Milk and Free Ice Fund "great success in your good work," E. L. D. added \$1 to the fund.

"The Making of the American Flag," a clever dramatization of the story of the flag by Betty Ross, was charmingly produced by children living on Free avenue, for the Pure Milk and Free Ice fund.

The housewife, Mrs. E. L. D. Kerner had the lead, impersonating Betty Ross, and Ray Schneider took the part of George Washington. The stage was decorated with colonial trimmings. The housewife was supplemented by several vaudeville numbers.

Edith contributed a very funny sketch; Edith Schneider, a milkmaid, gave a song and dance act, and Leonard appeared in songs.

The entertainment, given at the home of Elsie Kerner, 4347 Marcus avenue, was by these children: Elsie Kerner; Ray and Edith Schneider, 2800 King's highway; Viola Noble, 4400 Sacramento avenue; Esther and Ruth Potthoff, 4235 Saxauer; and Leonard Dryer, 2400 King's highway.

Dorothy Scylla of 2345 Shenandoah avenue disposed of an embroidered centerpiece for a table for the benefit of the babies' fund, earning \$2.30. All of the work in connection with the enterprise was done by this 8-year-old girl.

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## SHIPPING BILL IN FINAL STAGES OF ENACTMENT

Passes Senate by Strict Party Vote, House Expected to Concur in Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The administration shipping bill has entered upon the final stages of enactment. It passed the Senate last night by a strict party vote of 38 to 21 and now goes to the House, where it already has been passed.

Final action on the bill in the Senate came after the adoption of several important amendments and the rejection of Senator Borah's proposal to attach the Immigration bill to the measure as a rider.

The House is expected to concur in the amendments, one of which would give the President power to retaliate in case of foreign discrimination against American shipping. Another would cut the salaries of the proposed Government shipping board from \$10,000 to \$500.

The way now is clear in the Senate for consideration of the revenue bill and possible adjournment of Congress by Sept. 1, as a result of the passage of the shipping measure. Revenue legislation will be taken up Monday, and may be passed at the end of the week.

Unanimous Party Support.

In the last Congress the shipping measure precipitated a Democratic revolt and a filibuster which forced postponement of many important bills but, revised so as to minimize the Government operation feature, the measure received yesterday unanimous Democratic support.

The shipping bill provides for creation of a Government shipping board to acquire and operate ships for rehabilitation of the American merchant marine and appropriates \$50,000,000 for that purpose, to be raised by the sale of Panama canal bonds.

An amendment by Senator Fletcher would authorize the President to see adjustment of foreign discrimination against American shipping through diplomatic negotiations and to take retaliatory action if such negotiations fail. Another, by Senator Thomas, would authorize the Treasury to withhold payment of foreign discrimination against American shipping through diplomatic negotiations and to take retaliatory action if such negotiations fail.

Former Judge Edward K. Nicholson, attorney for all four of the complainants, told a reporter that the purpose of the suit was to teach the strikers the lesson of personal responsibility.

"We are fighting for the principle of the open shop and the right of our employees to work without molestation from the union organizers," Nicholson said.

Provisions of the Bill.

The bill would create a shipping board composed of five commissioners appointed by the President, the House provision making the secretaries of the Navy and Commerce ex-officio members having been eliminated.

The board would be authorized, either directly or indirectly, through a corporation or corporations to be organized, to build and purchase, lease or charter vessels suitable for use in ocean commerce.

Limitations upon these powers would prohibit the acquisition of any vessel at the time engaged in foreign or domestic commerce of the United States unless it is to be withdrawn from such commerce by the owner without intention to return thereto within a reasonable time; the purchase of any vessel which is under registry or flag of a foreign country engaged in war; or acquisition of any vessel, which would not be available for ocean commerce without unreasonable alterations.

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## SHERIFF SEIZING THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF STRIKERS

Attachment Being Made as Security for Possible Judgments in Suits for \$200,000 Brought by Bridgeport Employers Against Molders.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 19.—The homes and bank accounts of 40 members of Local No. 119 of the International Molders Union are being attached by Deputy Sheriff T. J. Cunningham as security against a possible judgment for \$200,000 against the union and the members of it who have taken a prominent part in the recent foundry strike here.

Every bank in the city has been served with notice that it must inform the Sheriff's office whether it has money or other property belonging to the union or to its members named in four suits for \$50,000 each by members of the Bridgeport Manufacturers' Association.

The Sheriff's office attached a strike benefit check for \$1000 which had been sent from the national headquarters of the union in Cincinnati to pay the 30 or more men on strike in eight foundries.

Check Held Up.

Yesterday was "strike pay day." The strikers had gathered in Sokol Hall to await the weekly pay, when Patrick E. Duffy of Brooklyn, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who was in charge of the strike, learned that the check had been held up.

"Boys, the money has been delayed a little in coming," Duffy told the strikers, "but you'll get it all right. Come back at 2 o'clock."

Before the men had reassembled Duffy borrowed \$1000 from sympathizers in Bridgeport.

Hereafter during the strike the money will be sent by telegraph from Cincinnati to Duffy. A money order for \$3000 is expected Monday. Duffy informed a reporter that the union leaders will apply for permits to carry revolvers to safeguard the cash.

In addition, the strike benefit funds of the local, amounting to several hundred dollars, have been tied up by the attachments.

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## FIRST WIFE HAS MAN ARRESTED ON BIGAMY CHARGE

Walter Yerkey Says He Thought She Had Obtained Divorce When He Wed Again.

HAD BEEN SEPARATED

Second Wife Leaves Him When She Learns That He Had Been Married Before

Walter Yerkey, 27 years old, of 1631 O'Fallon street, an office employee of the St. Louis Transfer Co., was arrested last night on a charge of bigamy made by his legal wife, who was Miss Katrina Wisniewski of 4212 Sarafiel place before her marriage to Yerkey in St. Stanislaus Church, Sept. 3, 1912.

Yerkey, after his arrest, admitted that June 7 last he was married in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament to Miss Nellie Fitzgerald of 5044 Easton avenue. He said he thought his first wife had obtained a divorce, and that he was free to marry again.

Miss Fitzgerald's mother said her daughter learned from friends a week after her marriage that Yerkey already had a wife. Yerkey admitted to her that he had been married before. They separated immediately.

The first wife visited police headquarters several days ago and requested that Yerkey be arrested. He was out of the city and did not return until yesterday. The first wife told the police she and her husband lived together more than three years and that they separated in October, 1915.

Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald, mother of Yerkey's second wife, said her daughter was a graduate of Visitation Convent. She said Yerkey and her daughter met in the transfer company's office, where both were employed.

I MEAN YOU. While you are shopping, drop in at Mrs. S. D. Latta, 1100 N. 1st St., who will show you diamonds on credit.

CROWN PRINCE NOT WOUNDED

Story Concerning Frederick William Authority Denied.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—The report that the German Crown Prince, Frederick William, is wounded and is in a hospital at Verdun, is authoritatively denied. The report that he had been wounded is based upon a Zurich dispatch to the Italia di Milan, saying that a Swiss officer returning from the German frontier was told by a German officer that the Crown Prince had been wounded in the head and leg with splinters of a shell and that he was being treated in a hospital.

No confirmation of this report is obtainable here.

Victor Woman Is Found Dead.

Victor Schneider, 73 years old, of 4477 Henrietta street, a watchman for the Iron Mountain at the Oak Hill crossing, was found dead in bed at his home at 5 o'clock this morning. A physician said that he believed death was due to the heat.

Victor Woman Gets 85.

The Post-Dispatch yesterday delivered \$5, donated by "J. L. B." to Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, who Thursday was evicted with two small children from her home, 3672 Market street.

Swimmers' Watches Stolen.

St. L. Frasse of 3521A North Jefferson avenue and John P. Casor, 229 South Vandeventer avenue, reported to the police that while they were bathing at the Fairground pool yesterday afternoon their gold watches were stolen from their lockers in the dressing room.

Diamond Rings, Pay \$1 a Week.

Loftis Bros. & Co., 23 N. 308 N. 6th st.

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WOMAN NEGLECTED INJURY

Mary Horman, 46 years old, who went to the city hospital July 3, died Friday night. An operation in which her left leg was amputated was performed Aug. 18. She fell and fractured her thigh several weeks before going to the hospital and not knowing the extent of her injuries had not been given proper treatment. Physicians said the conditions resulting made the amputation imperative.

She had been employed at housework at 3519 North Newstead avenue.

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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Who Should Fix Wage Scale?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
I am a believer in unionism as opposed to monopoly, but I am against violence to force either side of the issue. All employers have a right to make as much money as their efficiency will enable them to do, provided always they charge a fair margin of profit to pay for their efforts. Especially is this the case where they trade in a commodity that is a necessity. Now, to charge the public a fair price, it should have the right to say how much they will pay for all items that make up their expense, among them wages. Now, take our milk dealers: If they offer to pay \$6 a week for work on their wagons, who has the right to dictate to them that they should pay \$11; those that wish to live better, whether the work is worth more or not? This increase eventually is added onto the price of the milk, and the suffering public has to pay for the drivers living in better style. Should such not want to work for the sum offered, why do they not refuse and get a higher grade of work that is better paid? I suppose because they are not capable of demanding a better position, or they would. Why, then, resort to violence to get it?

The unions have a perfect right to set a price on the labor of their members, and the men should refuse to work the less. That does not give them the privilege of forcing someone to meet that price.

A COMMUNITY SYMPATHIZER.

Rubber Tires for Delivery Wagons.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
While there is a great deal of adverse criticism regarding the milk drivers' strike, I wish to say that it proved the old saying that "it is an ill wind that blows no one good." I gain from an hour to an hour and a half extra sleep on account of the absence of the noise they formerly made. In fact, I awoke the first morning of the strike wondering what was the matter; everything was so quiet. While meditating the strike, why not have our Board of Aldermen pass an ordinance requiring rubber tires on the wheels of vehicles used for business purposes during the early morning hours? It would certainly be a boon to suffering humanity.

ENRICH RALEIGH.

The Sewer Trouble.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
It does seem strange that the city of St. Louis, with her many high-salaried sewer experts, namely, Clinton H. Fisk, Harvey S. Owen, Director Talbert, W. W. Horner and a few more, should design and build a sewer costing \$3,500,000 and when a real test comes, the whole project proves a failure, would blame it on a 14-inch brick bulkhead. I myself have property in this district which has been flooded and caused me much damage, while I still have the special tax bills to pay. I do not object to paying for something useful and which is a success, but I do object strongly to paying for experiments conducted by these so-called sewer experts. My damage was small, but I certainly can appreciate the damage suffered by the railroads and other industries in the Mill Creek valley, which have already paid such large special tax bills.

One railroad in particular, in which I am acquainted with the fact, is the Terminal Railroad, which paid about \$100,000 in special taxes for their share in the new sewer, which would relieve the sewers under their baggage subway, thereby preventing their old nuisance of sewer blowing up and flooding the subway; but as usual, when I read in your paper Monday of how the subway had been flooded with 14 inches of water over the baggage platform, by the same sewers blowing up, I took seriously what a complete failure the new relief sewer was.

Clinton H. Fisk says, in explanation, the sewer was not built for a cloudburst. I wonder if he has ever been in a real cloudburst? The rain which we had Saturday night was certainly not a cloudburst; it was just a very heavy rain. In the first place, the sewer should have been designed by competent sewer designers, and in the second place, it should have been built by municipal bonds, which is the proper way to handle all such projects. This business of special-taxing every property owner in a benefit district is nonsense. Who can lay out a benefit district? I can safely say, no one. It looks like the special tax bill has its political advantages, though, because it keeps an extra number of clerks busy writing special tax bills. The politicians might just as well have built the municipal (free) bridges by special-taxing every property owner in St. Louis, for they say the city as a whole will be benefited, instead of building it by bond, as it is now being properly built. Doesn't it look just as reasonable?

SUBSCRIBER.

Precautions Should Be Taken.  
From the Washington Star.  
If a syndicate should lend Curran money it might be desirable to make some provision to prevent Villa from taking it away from him.

## TO THE PLATFORM-MAKERS.

In the platforms to be adopted by the State political conventions appointed for next week, a positive, unequivocal platform should be inserted declaring for a constitutional revision.

The New Constitution Association, meeting at Kansas City, has urged this request on all parties in Missouri this year. It is supported by a formidable and rapidly growing body of sentiment.

A plank on constitutional revision is the paramount plank without which planks on all other subjects in which Missourians are especially interested this year will be practically meaningless. What will a pledge on a new taxation system, proof against tax dodgers, signify, unless tax reform is to be preceded by new constitutional provisions and safeguards, or a pledge as to the budget principle to insure more painstaking and intelligent appropriating, or a pledge as to improvements in our inadequate and defective rural school system?

Without constitutional changes a home rule plank will mean no more than past planks on the subject. Lacking constitutional revision the short ballot is absolutely unobtainable.

The party which fails to include a declaration on revision will disappoint public expectation and alienate in some sections and in at least some degree support for its candidates for the Legislature. This is so evident that its insertion in all party platforms is to be assumed.

And with the platforms made satisfactory in this respect, may not one additional thing be hoped for? Won't the platform-makers kindly aim this year to make their output so sharp and concise and crisp as to appeal to, rather than bore, the public and omit the piffle and buncombe and balderdash with which the conventional platform is diluted?

Give us at least 90-proof platforms in 1916.

## NOTIFY MR. HUGHES.

Eight Republicans in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk lost their places in St. Louis Friday. Flash the news to Mr. Hughes at once. The wrongs endured by Republican members of the Officers' Union in the loss of jobs are being featured in his speeches, with a view to stirring the popular heart and redoubling effort to get the job back.

A little fresh material to replace that which has become slightly worn and travel-stained in a transcontinental trip ought to be gratefully received.

## CONVENTIONS VS. PREFERENTIAL BALLOT.

City Counselor Dues is preparing at the request of President Hall of the Board of Aldermen a bill restoring the convention plan of nominating city candidates for city offices. It seems to be about the same as the old scheme, under which machines and bosses flourished, except that candidates for delegate pay a filing fee of \$10 to get on the ballot. The familiar type of professional delegate would have no difficulty in paying the money. It seems that the Aldermen are authorized to legislate on the subject under the Kinney act, passed to promote progress in election reform, not reaction. The preferential ballot has already been submitted under the initiative and the date of the vote on it fixed for next November. The introduction of the convention bill ought to lend great strength to the popular support for the preferential system.

## THE POOKY DES PERES.

Suppose your plumbing ran through your parlor and it leaked!

We have some openwork plumbing running through Forest Park with the lid off, as it were, and the aroma it gives off has been described by a word-monger with a highly developed sense of connotative values, as "pooky." "Pooky" fills a long-felt want in describing something heretofore indescribable. It requires no Websterian definition; its meaning will be recognized by the many hundreds of thousands of St. Louisans and tens of thousands of visitors who have turned up their noses while driving through beautiful Forest Park this summer. And last summer, and the summer before that, and before that.

City governments may come and city governments may go, but the River des Peres goes on forever—an open sewer masquerading in river scenery. It does not represent a considerable engineering problem. The cost of doing away with it would not bankrupt the metropolis. But the noxious nuisance and the reproach are vast. Forest Park is the chief recreation ground and principal show place of St. Louis—with an uncovered, unsanitary, stenched drain running through it!

What would another great city do with it? What will St. Louis eventually do? And how far off is "eventually"?

The great war will be remembered as one especially deadly to officers, women and babies.

## DEFAULTING HUSBANDS.

"It's a good week's work," said Mrs. Anna Corbin, speaking of her trailing her absconding husband from Detroit to St. Louis and causing his arrest on the charge of wife-abandonment.

We hope she may find it so. Under the Missouri statutes, wife abandonment (Sec. 4495, Rev. Statutes) is punishable by imprisonment for one year "or a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

In practice, it has been found that this law is a dead letter, because what wives want, and what the courts would like, is that the husband should be compelled to support his wife. Putting him in jail does not produce this effect. Fining him does not. If he is out of work, a workhouse sentence simply compels him to work without profit to himself or his wife. All he has to do is to plead poverty or inability to get or keep a job, and he goes free.

Friday's news told of a wife, with two small

children, evicted and sleeping on the sidewalk, destitute, because the husband and father had deserted three weeks ago. If he should be brought back, the State would have no practical way of putting him to work that would produce a cent toward the support of his family.

Cases such as these, occurring almost daily, make the suggestion of the Free Legal Aid Bureau, that the law shall provide for a farm, on which defaulting husbands may be put to work, their wages, in part, to be applied to the support of their families, the best suggestion that has been made. The law should follow up a defaulting husband and see that he does his duty.

It is noted that both parties took care not to nominate nationally any Burnside whiskers.

## THE TIRELESS MILK STRIKE.

Some form of arbitration is reported to be under favorable consideration by the dairy companies to end the strike of their drivers.

So far as the report indicates a change in the attitude of the employers, it is welcome news to the town. St. Louis is weary of this struggle. It has caused universal inconvenience and in many cases actual hardship and suffering. It is time to wind up the tiresome dispute under a plan that will be fair to both sides.

A settlement would probably leave undisposed of the question as to whether subpoenas issued by the State Board of Mediation may be disregarded with impunity, though settlement need not be delayed on that account. Perhaps some way can be devised for obtaining a ruling on the point.

The Mediation Board can have little value as long as its powers are undetermined, especially powers which must be exercised with promptness to have any effect in labor emergencies.

He who hath Dutch blood, let him pride himself on the same. The cleanest town in the world is in Holland.

## SOME MILL CREEK SUPPOSITIONS.

The Mill Creek sewer contract, under the method of construction adopted, involved the command of a capital, either in hand or borrowed, of approximately \$3,000,000. This huge sum was not released after the lapse of the years occupied in construction work. On completion of the contract, the money invested comes back only in small installments, extending through a term of years.

How many of even the most successful and reliable contractors have such a capital or the means of procuring it? How many, even if they could command it, could afford to have it tied up for so long a period?

How active, accordingly, was the bidding for the work? Obviously but few practical contractors could engage in the competition. In the \$3,400,000 at which the contract was let a huge increment must have represented excess over the price at which the performance of the work might have been secured with active, bona fide, competitive bidding. The general contractor's part of the task was to finance the work. The subcontractors executed the contract.

Now, with the city financing the work—standing in a sense in the place of the general contractor—performance of the work might have been secured for the gross sum which the subcontractors received, about \$2,400,000. This would have saved the taxpayers \$1,000,000, but, of course, it is only a theoretical estimate which arrives at a probably excessive result. The absence of any genuine competition in the case of many of the subcontractors is also to be suspected. Many of them made inordinate profits.

Supposing, with the city financing the improvement, cutting out from the very start the general contractor's enormous profits, the work had been divided into 10 sections and as fast as each section was completed the contractor was given his money for it on estimates, less perhaps 10 per cent retained until the completion of the entire work, to furnish additional indemnity under his bond.

Under these circumstances any contractor who could command \$200,000 or even less in his own or borrowed money would have been able to become a bona fide competitor for the work. The greater the number of prospective bidders the greater would have been the incentive to do the work on a fair margin. It is not unreasonable to suppose that with the general contractor's profit eliminated entirely and the subcontractors' profits materially decreased, the cost might have been reduced almost half.

The Mill Creek sewer is the biggest contract ever let under the odious special assessment system of the past. The system is no more inequitable now that it ever has been, but the protests are more savage because the burden is greater. The man who is soaked \$150 in costs denounces its injustice, when if it was only \$75 he might pay and smile.

In fact, Mr. Hughes has not had time since he left the bench to read thoroughly enough to avoid inaccuracies.

## "LADIES NIGHT" AT THE CITY HALL?

No new move in the Hank Weeks matter is due until Sept. 7. The merit system game was one with which Hank had little acquaintance and toward which he had small inclination, as would naturally be the case with a little game he did not understand. But after some justifiable hesitation he sat in, made as brave a showing as he could with the hand he held and admitted that he was given a square deal.

He failed, but to assume that he is too poor a sport to abide by the rules of the game is premature. That would be to assume that the appointing power and Hank himself insisted on so changing Hoyle as to enable three tens—a fairly creditable draw, by the way—to rake in the pot when somebody else held a full hand. Are "Ladies Nights" being arranged by those experienced players at the City Hall?

"Mr. Ford is making too much money and making it too rapidly," says the Rev. Dr. Aked. Even a Ford, it seems, can exceed the speed limit.



## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENTS.

## JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH by Clark McAdams

## BE A MAN, MR. HUGHES!

Be a man, Mr. Hughes! Be a man!  
It's a much better plan—  
Be a man if you can!  
It cannot much matter  
At last how you ran,  
But this is important  
In life's fleeting span—  
Be a man, Mr. Hughes! Be a man!

Be a man, Mr. Hughes! Be a man!  
You're the head of your clan—  
Be a man if you can!  
They'll hail you well met  
From Beersheba to Dan,  
But you'll never get there  
In the way you began—  
Be a man, Mr. Hughes! Be a man!

Be a man, Mr. Hughes! That's the life!  
Not a scolding fishwife,  
In this season of strife,  
We are all of us seeking  
The way to the light  
Through the terrors of war  
And the perils of night—  
Be a man, Mr. Hughes! Get right!

The Art League tried to get a street car line to the Art Museum, and was forced to accept the bus service when the St. Louis Zoological Society decided that a car line to the Art Museum would probably take the crowd away from the refining influence of the monkey house and turn it loose in the wilderness of the old masters and the Barbisons. It was a citizens' conference committee appointed by the Mayor and presided over by a member of the Board of Aldermen that decided this vexing question, and not Mr. Culliff, who is merely putting the buses in the park because it was decided that this was what would be done. It is absurd to say that the buses were put in over the Art League's protest. Except for the League and its campaign somehow to get the people to the Art Museum, there would be no buses in the park and guides would be taking camping parties in to see the simians.

A friend is one to whom you do not have to give any reasons.

Of course, it is wrong for the British, and the Germans to censor their war news and sometimes make things to seem what they are not. We do it on the Mexican border, or did do it when it seemed to our advantage to do so, which cannot make any difference. We are entitled to the truth about the war in Europe, and when the censors withhold it they are doing very wrong. Upon the other hand, when we are at war ourselves what is going on at the front is our business, and for Europe to expect the truth about it is an impertinence. We have spoken.

What Bill Painter is doing ought to be valuable as demonstrating just how sore a man who runs last in a field of seven candidates actually is.

## IN SIGNS.

Over a restaurant near Second and Elm streets:  
Feed Store  
For Men  
Stop and Feed

We are informed by a reader that man runs into many types and forms in signs along the Grand avenue car line from Fairground Park to Easton. Some of them are Goldman, Querman, Fiebleman and Pretyman.

Sign on the roof of a barn at Caruthersville, Mo.:  
See J. W. Stephens  
for  
Hay and Whiskey

## LOUD CALL FOR HELP.

Just a Minute: Help! With or without the "p." Help us or we perish, and our epitaph will be "choked by German prohibition." Help us to retain some shred of personal liberty in art or customs or sports, free from prohibition by the Schmalderhausen. Turn your shafts of ridicule on the Kalkachneider prohibition of all civic improvement or we will be shoved down into the Cincinnati-Milwaukee class nastiness.

Is beer the only standard of personal liberty? Shall "Es ist verboten" become the watchword of St. Louis?  
SPREAD EAGLE.

## ONE MORE FORD STORY.

From the Thomas (Ok.) Tribune.  
In a certain town a Ford car is used to distribute the mail, and it has a sign on the front of it, which reads: T. A. Mail. As it was standing near the curb one day a little girl came along with a letter in her hand and after looking the car over she said to a man nearby: "Say mister, can you tell me where the slot is where I can put my letter?"

It can't make much difference whether Mr. Major or Mr. Painter is Governor. Both of them together wouldn't make a Governor.

WHY THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS QUIET.  
(From the Apolitan City, Mo., Journal.)

Matthew Williamson marketed what he called a "pig" Monday morning, but judging from the size of the check received, it must have been a full-grown fellow. It weighed 425 pounds and the price received was \$40.25. Pretty good for one pig. Don't you think?

## WOOD FLOWER.

I found a flower in the wood,  
Growing softly by some water;  
Had I plucked it when I could—  
The old wild-wood's fairy daughter—  
Not thus vainly had I sought her.

So deep a spell was on me laid,  
I might not stretch my hand to take her,  
So fragile she, I was afraid  
Even my lightest touch would break her—  
And now, alas, what totem shall we have?  
R. L. G.

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

## CANNING PEACHES.

ANXIOUS.—In halving peaches for canning or preserving, some cut them through the natural indentation. If, instead of this, you cut them around half way down and parallel to this, the peach stones can be extracted without wasting time and trouble. If the fruit is overcooked there will be a tendency for it to separate along the natural indentation. Also, thus making quarters instead of halves, but this will not ordinarily occur. To retain natural flavor, blanch peaches in boiling water for 1 minute, then cook in vinegar and sugar. Boil 3 minutes, then cook peaches in this till tender and can in usual way. Leave rinsed in peaches. Do them up whole, away with tedious peeling by putting peaches into dish pan or other large receptacle. Pour over them enough boiling water to cover. Place something over this to prevent steam from escaping and let stand until nearly cool. Now with the fingers remove the skin, which, without the least trouble, will come most readily, leaving the fruit beautifully smooth and unmarred. Placing the jars among some shelf near stove, pour in some very warm water to cover, and remove the jars, not hot, but in a safe and easiest method of tempering glass for reception of fruit. As you fill jars with peaches, pack in sterilized glass jars, making sure you begin that your rubbers are new and the tops of the can perfect. Seal the fruit as usual, or possibly as you pack by shaking jar. Fill jars with the boiling syrup. It will regulate about a pint for each quart jar. Adjust glass top half way over jar, but do not put on rubbers. Put jar in oven in shallow pans half filled with boiling water. Close oven door (oven should be only moderately warm) and cook 15 minutes. Take from oven, having adjusted rubbers, fill each jar in turn with boiling syrup, which should have been kept hot on back of stove. Fill so full that the scalding liquid runs over, then put on the top and wipe and seal. Set cans on board or shelf (folded paper out of draught until cooled, when rubbers probably stick on the top still more. This syrup does not make the fruit very sweet, as you prefer to have it sweeter, increase sugar. Peaches put up this way in cans look better than when they are cooked in kettle, then dipped into can. When the peaches are large they must be cut in halves, but leave some of the pits in for flavor.

## CLEANSING.

G.—To remove water stain you might try sponging with equal parts alcohol and ether.

THANKFUL.—Felt hat: Go all over it with best black ammonia. Rub well, leave on 24 hours and brush.

## HEALTHY MEATS.

G. W. L.—For the blood: Daily courses of all muscles, fresh air, fruits, grape juice, vegetables, plenty of good water. Never overeat; diet should be simple.

LETITIA.—Of the little, round, white, gel-like lumps felt beneath the skin of arms and legs, a medical writer says: "They have caused much discussion among the specialists in skin diseases, but it is somewhat uncertain as to their nature. They are more numerous in the tumor of some sort. Some little mass of suppurative tissue or dead matter is lodged under the skin too deep for excision. The little mass, not being irritating enough to create inflammation and suppuration, remains there, and, as it always does with foreign substances, becomes encased in a little circumscribed membrane, when it becomes encysted. Some claim that the masses are cancerous, others that they are hypertrophied fat cells, or even that they are cysts. They are perfectly harmless and should cause no concern whatever. As a rule, in healthy people they will pass away in time. (Talk with a physician about this and your other trouble.)"

## HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

E. M.—White fruit cake: Cream 1 cup granulated sugar with half-cup butter, add beaten white of 1 egg, 1 cup milk and 2 cups flour mixed with 3 teaspoons baking powder. Add 1 cup of soaked raisins and shredded citron mixed and floured, and 1 teaspoon sherry.

GRAPE WINE: To 10 pounds grapes use three pounds granulated sugar. Pick grapes from stem and wash. Then into an earthen crock put 1 lb. of sugar, then a layer of grapes and alternate until all grapes and sugar are used. Then put crock where it is warm, covered with a cloth to keep out dust, and let stand three or four days. The skins will gradually separate from the pulp. When it stops fermenting drain it off through a double cheese cloth, pressing the cloth lightly. Let it stand over night there is not much to press. Bottle no water with it except what clings to grapes when washed. Put one quart with one quart granulated sugar; put fresh steamed grapes in gallon; pour enough boiling water to fill jar; put at once in a hot water bath and use sugar for sweet varieties of grapes.

## LAW POINTS.

X. Y. Z.—Wages of one owing rent may be garnished.

MRS. S.—One named out of a "trap," charging nothing for it if it is harmless.

MRS. S.—In divorce cases the Court granting the decree determines who shall have the custody of the children.

G. W. L.—Law does not require police to maintain to give a month's notice to preserve order while milk is delivered.

MRS. W.—Law requires monthly tenants to give a month's notice in writing, of intention to vacate.

CAT'S PAW.—Wife signing delivery ticket not make her liable for same being charged to, purchased and ordered by her husband. If he has anything, and may not have collection of debt is surely doubtful.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

R.—Try phoning florists.

CHARIE.—Phone listed offices.

MRS. E.—Art League, \$15 Olive.

AMY.—Grandchildren of brothers and second cousins.

FRAC.—One-fourth of seven-eighths and one-fourth times seven-eighths are the same, namely, seven-thirty-seconds.

MRS. E. G.—Marriage is "for better or for ill." When the ill comes it should be replaced by a new, good love. Perhaps there is too much soft love in yours. Possibly you will have a new love from the great storm of last year.

UNHAPPY MOTHER.—Your husband may be a sufferer from indigestion or corns. He cannot take either of your children away from you. Many otherwise good men have indigestion. Be patient and pay no attention to his faults.

JANES.—It is said that burn scars may be prevented if the burned parts are covered immediately with a solution of cooking soda. Then lay wet cloths on the place and after that the child of eight and nine years old. Scar from burn may be removed by electricity or by the proper use of caustic. For birthmarks, see caustic. Whatever you do, see that the operator is skilled.

H. E. H.—Few modern inks last. There is one made 10 years ago from the red of an old schoolmaster. It is called "Red" and "would stand for centuries." It is made of gum arabic, 1 part, gum galls 4 parts, gum arabic 1 part, gum galls 4 parts, gum arabic 1 part, gum galls 4 parts. Macerate for three weeks, then strain. A good grade of ink can be made by taking a short piece of red ink and placing it in a bottle of water.























